(b) Introduction of a Uniform Civil Code througout the country will necessarily involve changes in the personal laws of the Minority Communities. The consistent policy of the Government has been not to interfere on its own in the personal laws of the Minority Communities unless initiative for the changes come from those communities.

Backlog of SC/ST

330. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Deptt. of Personnel have received backlog in regular vacancies upto 1988-89 from Department of Posts and Department of Telecom in connection with cadres of Central Secretariat posts and nominations to fill up the backlog vacancies has not still been sent to those departments;

(b) the total number of adhoc promotions allowed in Group A, B and C posts of Central Secretariat Department-wise and the date from which these are continuing together with the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of SC and ST in ad-hoc promotions mentioned in para (b) above;

(d) what steps have been taken to avoid ad-hoc promotions for a long period; and

(e) the umber of backlog vacancies, Department-wise in Central Secretariat posts in each cadre as on 1-11-92 and what steps have been taken to fill up these vacancies before 31-12-92 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT) WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY) (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI):

(a) Yes, Sir, Department of Personnal have received the backlog vacancies in Department of Posts and Department of Telecommunications upto 1988-89 in respect of different grades of Central Secretariat Services. Nominations to fill up these vacancies have also been made to the extent of available candidates of the respective grade/category.

(b) The number of ad-hoc promotions is indicated in the Statement. (See below). Ad hoc promotions were made mainly due to non-availability of regular candidates, vacancies being of short duration, due to stay orders of Court in seniority disputes etc.

(c) This is indicated in the Statement. (See below)

(d) Instrucitons have been issued by the Department of Personnel and Training in O.M. No. 28036|8|87-Estt. (D) dated 30.3.88 and O.M. No. 20|17|88-CS. II dated 10.5.88 to all Ministries/Departments to minimise ad hoc promotions and avoid such promotions for a long period.

(e) The number of backlog vacancies is indicated in the Statement. (See below) In respect of Central Secretariat Services backlog vacancies for direct recruitment along with the current vacancies are communicated to Staff Selection Commission|Union Public Service Commission for recommending candidates. Backlog vacancies for promotions are filled by candidates available from the same cadre or from other cadres.

Statement

Para (b) Ad-hoc promotions allowed in Group A,B and C of Central Secretariat Services—Department-wise and the date from which these are continuing.

Group	Department of		Total	Oldest date from which ad-hoc promotion continuing
	Telecom	Posts		
Group A	12	5	17	20-4-89
Group B	113	95	208	01-5-87
Group C	91	36	127	16-1-82

Para (c) The number of SC and ST in ad-hoc promotions mentioned in para (b).

Group	SC	ST	Total
Group A	3	1	4
Group B	30	1	31
Group C	25	1	26

Para (e) Number of backlog vacancies in different Central Secretariat Services in the cadre of Communication (Department of Telecom and Department of Posts) as on 1-11-92.

Group	SC	ST	Total
Group A	—	—	—
Group B	13	18	31
Group C	1	10	11

Meeting sponsored by IDMA

*331. SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA:

SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he chaired the meeting sponsored by IDMA on 26th February, 1993;

(b) what were the issues raised at the meeting and the response of Government to each of these issues; and

(c) whether Government are pushing ahead its policy of liberalisation in the drug sector without deciding the vital issue of restricting trade commission, promotional expenses